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25X1 1. About 4 June 1953, ninety-eight members of the Iraqi Lawyers' Association presented a petition to King Faisal, Prime Minister Jamil Madfai, and other ranking Iraqi officials, demanding that Iraq not involve itself in the Middle East Defense Organization and protesting the continuance of Martial Law in Baghdad. The signatories varied in political orientation from Socialists to Communists.

2. The petition was drafted by the communist members of the Lawyers' Association.

3. The following communist members of the Lawyers' Association were signatories of the petition:

Kasib al-Sa'd  
'Abd-al-Ghani Muttar  
Kazim Ja'far al-Muhami  
'Aziz al-Husni  
Fewzi Mahdi al-Ahmar  
Talib Jamil  
Da'ud al-Sayigh<sup>1</sup>

Jalal 'Abd-al-Rahman  
Abid Farhan al-Ani<sup>2</sup>  
'Abd-al-Rezzaq Zubayr  
Ibrahim al-Darkazalli<sup>3</sup>  
'Abd-al-Wahhab al-Hassak<sup>4</sup>  
Awad 'Ali Najm  
Tawfiq Munir

25X1 [ ] Comments.

1. Sayigh was released from prison on 18 March 1953 after having served his sentence for Communism.
2. Ani is the editor of al-Ittihad, an evening newspaper in Baghdad, which has leftist tendencies and runs communist cartoons.
3. Darkazalli is a member of the Administration Committee of the Iraqi Lawyers' Association.
4. Hassak was tried for possession of communist leaflets in March 1952 and was acquitted and released on 6 May 1952.

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